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OF STINSON BEACH

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JANUARY MEETING

"SPARROWS to CONDORS"

Movies & Slides

by

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Friday, Jan. 30, 1970  
8:00 p.m.

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# SAN GERONIMO VALLEY ASSOCIATION

FOREST KNOLLS

Marin County, California



January 31, 1970

Bay Area Air Pollution Control Board  
402-A Fourth Street  
San Rafael, Calif.

Gentlemen:

At the January 19, 1970 meeting of the San Geronimo Valley Association a motion was passed concerning the following issues:

- 1) We request that records that you hold as to who are the major polluters of the air in the Bay Area be made public, and also the percentages of pollution that each group contributes.
- 2) We object to being penalized (by the burning ban) for our comparatively tiny contribution to air pollution.
- 3) Evidences have already been seen that the rodent problem which will arise from refuse being dumped instead of burned will probably outweigh any good which might arise from the burning ban.
- 4) Our recent request to the Marin County Board of Supervisors for a lift of the burning ban during October-November and January or February of each year for burning of tree cuttings and leaves was turned down. We appeal to you in this matter, as we feel that this issue is more properly under your jurisdiction.

As concerned citizens we urgently request your attention to the above issues.

CC: Marin Co. Board of  
Supervisors  
INDEPENDENT-JOURNAL  
Woodacre Improvement Club  
Bolinas Improvement Club  
Inverness Improvement Assn.  
✓ Stinson Beach Improvement  
Club

Sincerely,

SAN GERONIMO VALLEY ASSOCIATION

Joseph D. Furdas  
President



Business Office: 351 California Street, San Francisco, California 94104

RICHARD A. JOHNSON  
2LT CE CAL ARNG  
Commanding  
California Army National Guard  
Company D 579th Engineer Battalion (CBT)  
155 Madison Avenue  
San Rafael, California 94903

February 16, 1970

Re: DREDGE - Stinson Beach, California

Dear Lt. Johnson:

I have a letter dated 07 February 70, signed by a Robert Mondav<sup>o</sup> over your typed signature in regard to the subject dredge.

While my company would be delighted to have this eyesore removed and while I understand that your unit would like to volunteer your services, your letter comes as rather a surprise. We would be happy to grant daytime access to your men and their equipment under no circumstances would we permit bivouac in this residential area nor would we attempt to represent the 100-plus owners in Seadrift as to any assurances that you would be held harmless from any property damage claims.

We have no responsibility for the abandoned dredge, nor does it rest on our property. Consequently, we are not in a position to provide supplies and do not intend to hire engineers to draw maps showing "pertinent terrain features", "property lines", etc.

My conversations on the subject have been primarily with the Audubon people, the Stinson Beach Progressive Club and George Leonard. I am willing to cooperate with these joint parties-at-interest, but have no intention of being the prime mover in this project. The County of Marin, which succeeded th the Bolinas Harbor District, controls the site and should take care of this problem.

Sincerely,

William Kent, III, Pres.  
WILLIAM KENT ESTATE CO.

cc: H. Dougherty  
M. Griffin



Lt. Richard A. Johnston, Commanding Officer  
Company D, 579th Engr. Bat.  
California Army National Guard  
155 Madison Avenue  
San Rafael, Calif 94903

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If you choose to undertake this project, please advise how we can be of assistance. I believe that maps, releases, etc. can be obtained.

Very truly yours

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insert....The county agency most involved is the Department of Parks and Recreation, of which Mr. Pierre Joske is Director, with offices at the Civic Center, San Rafael. Mr. George Leonard is a resident of Stinson Beach.

cc Pierre Joske  
George Leonard

bc Louis H. "Bud" Baar  
Peter Arrigoni  
Donald Frost

Wm. Kent III - Suite 711, 351 California St., SF 94104

Dr. Martin Griffin - Audubon Canyon Ranch, 313 Goodhill Rd., Kentfield





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April 18, 1970

Mr. Harold Gregg, Pres.  
Marin Conservation League  
1368 Lincoln Ave. - Rm 105  
San Rafael, Calif.

Dear Harold:

Confirming our telephone discussion earlier today, a substantial amount of fill has been placed on land just north of the Red Whale in Stinson Beach. This is marshland in the little lagoon, most of which is in county ownership (about 20 acres) and is separated from the main Bolinas Lagoon by the "causeway" entrance to Seadrift. The parcel in question is 2 acres in size and is identified as assessor's parcel 195-101-16 owned by Joseph A. and Laverne Avella et al. according to last year's list. According to the phone book, Avella is himself a contractor, living in Novato.

Pierre Joske tells me that his phone has been ringing since last Monday over this, that he checked and found there was an valid fill permit issued by Public Works some years ago, which has been extended from year to year, the present extension expiring in July, 1970. Pierre says he checked with county counsel and finds there was nothing the county could do, short of having passed an emergency ordinance to prohibit filling. I don't know if it was brought up at last week's board meeting, but it's too late now.

The fill came from a contract which the Div. of Hwys let to cut back the bluff over Hwy 1 just north of Audubon Canyon Ranch where they have had persistent winter slide problems, and it appears that the job is about finished.

I checked the fill against an assessor's map and it appears to be wholly on privately owned land. The obvious questions which this raises are: 1) nearly 2 acres of marshland have been destroyed, 2) the State Div. of Hwys. apparently was unaware of county concern about filling, 3) unless the fill permit requires consolidation & stabilization of the fill, which I doubt, much of the material will end up as siltation in the adjacent flood control channel, in the little lagoon which already is in serious trouble, and in the main lagoon, and 4) the floodway for stormwaters from Stinson Beach is seriously constricted.

The milk has been spilled in this case...perhaps the main value is to stimulate the board of supervisors to enact the tidal waterways ordinance and to add a clause cancelling all outstanding fill permits for fills which would be subject to the ordinance.

Hugh Dougherty, Pres.



Mr. Hugh Dougherty  
Progressive Club  
Stinson Beach

STATE OF CALIFORNIA—HIGHWAY TRANSPORTATION AGENCY

RONALD REAGAN, Governor

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

DIVISION OF HIGHWAYS

P.O. BOX 3366 RINCON ANNEX, SAN FRANCISCO 94119



May 5, 1970

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PM 12+

Honorable Louis H. 'Bud' Baar  
Supervisor, Fourth District  
The Board of Supervisors of Marin County  
Administration Building  
Suite 315, Civic Center  
San Rafael, CA 94903

Dear Bud:

Thank you for the news article from the Point Reyes Light concerning the traffic situation at Stinson Beach.

A few days before we received your letter, Inspector Ted Parnow of the California Highway Patrol telephoned apprising us of a letter they had received from Mr. Joe Lawrence. Mr. Lawrence complained of the traffic problems in Stinson Beach and requested that the intersection of Highway 1 and Calle del Mar be patrolled by an officer on weekends. A copy of Captain D. W. Lyons' reply to Mr. Lawrence is attached.

The Highway 1/Calle del Mar intersection is presently controlled by a 4-way stop sign. We plan to study the traffic situation in the Stinson Beach area further in hopes of finding a way of alleviating the traffic problems that now exist.

Thank you for calling this matter to our attention.

Very truly yours,

ALAN S. HART  
District Engineer

Attachment

*6/29/70 - Found Al Hart, advised him that signals probably would not do the job. Too many left turn movements. AH*



April 2, 1970

Mr. Peter R. Arrigoni, Supervisor 2nd Dist.  
Marin County Civic Center  
San Rafael, California 94903

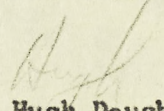
Re: Abandoned Dredge - Stinson Beach

Dear Pete:

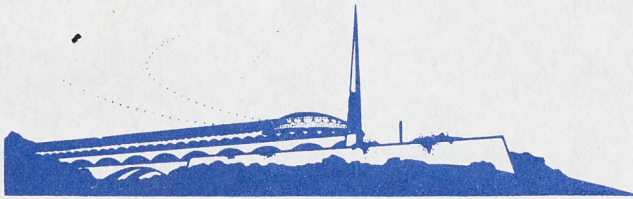
Thanks for your note. Following up on my letter of Feb. 24th to Lt. Johnston, I obtained ~~an~~ a print of an aerial photo of the area from the Planning Dept. and delivered it to the National Guard Armory early in March. Nothing has happened since. I will try to reach Lt. Johnston by phone.

In the meantime, if you can use your powers of persuasion on anyone, including Lt. Johnston, by all means do so.

Regards,

  
Hugh Dougherty





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TELEPHONE 479-1100  
EXT. 313

March 27, 1970

Mr. Hugh Dougherty  
Avenue De Los Baulinas  
Stinson Beach, Calif.

Re: Abandoned Dredge - Stinson Beach

Dear Hugh:

What happened to this request of yours? Has the Army Corps of Engineers any jurisdiction over this matter? If you haven't had any response, what can we do to get this project off the ground?

Sincerely,

PETER R. ARRIGONI

PRA/vg

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Feb. 24, 1970

Lt. Richard A. Johnson, Commanding Officer,  
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California Army National Guard,  
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Very truly yours,

Edith Dougherty  
President





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April 10, 1970

To Members and Friends:

It is time to speak of the things we have done, and the things we have not done; our successes, our failures and our omissions. This then, is the annual report:

HIGHWAYS. The county board of supervisors renewed its request to the State Division of Highways for a route location study for Hwy 1, specifying a route within a corridor that effectively puts the freeway on top of Bolinas Ridge (what is now Ridgecrest Blvd.), bypassing Stinson Beach. The State appears to have put this request in their stack of "things to do". It is interesting to note that Supervisor Baar mentioned a feeder road down to the San Geronimo Valley, while Supervisor Arrigoni suggested removing Hwy 1 from the California Freeway Plan. The Progressive Club did not participate in a debate at the county level, on the theory that past freeway fights indicate members hold such widely diverging views that no solid position is possible. However, it does seem worthwhile to review this position and you will find part of the enclosed questionnaire devoted to it.

Meanwhile, the State is pursuing a program of modest improvements to Hwy 1. The road was widened just south of Stinson Beach and near Green Gulch Ranch last summer and this year the little concrete bridge at Muir Beach is to be widened. Next year there will be more road widening, generally to pavement widths of 26' to 30', together with placement of guard rail and reduction in the sharpness of some of the curves. Also scheduled are reflector buttons on the center stripe. The Club has actively campaigned for such modest improvements for several years.

Locally, the Club is now working to obtain 2-hour parking on weekends in the "downtown" business district, to have Panoramic repaved, to have drainage improvement on Calle del Arroyo and to have repairs made on parts of Calle del Mar.

BOLINAS LAGOON. Last year we sponsored a public debate prior to the election at which the Bolinas Harbor District was dissolved. After the election the Conservation Foundation of Washington, D.C. undertook an examination of the results of the many studies which have been made of particular aspects of the Lagoon. To this end they assembled a staff of experts to combine the studies in a rational form, understandable by all. This work is nearly finished and they have promised to make a public presentation for which we will schedule a meeting in June. We hope that with the facts arrayed comprehensively, some community agreement can be realized on how best to use the Lagoon. Whatever agreement can be achieved will be of importance in the



review of the county's general plan for the Bolinas-Stinson Beach area, which is now getting under way.

We are trying to interest a National Guard unit in a weekend training exercise which would consist of removing the burned-out remains of the dredge at the Stinson Beach end of the Lagoon.

HOUSE NUMBERS. Our big project during the past year, in conjunction with the Fire Department, was to notify home owners of their house numbers.

PARKS & RECREATION. Unexpected opposition developed which resulted in failure in our attempt to establish a county service area to acquire land near the Community Center for a small park and recreational area. The need for playground facilities for local residents (as distinguished from day visitors) continues, and undoubtedly will result in another try.

SEWERS. The local Water District reports that after nearly ten years, it has entered into a joint powers agreement with its Bolinas counterpart for the construction of a joint sewage treatment plant. If commitments for federal aid can be secured, the District will begin hearings on this project soon.

MEETINGS AND SO FORTH. The Club held meetings devoted to various subjects such as the Point Reyes Bird Observatory, the litter problem, and cable TV. The Club "did its thing" in assisting with the Dipsea Race and refurbishing litter cans.

MONEY. Ralph Sigmund reports that the Club will have approximately \$96 on hand by the time this reaches you.

As always, we ask that when you renew your membership for 1970 (or join if not now a member) to please send us your thoughts about what the Club should be doing for the Community. Your comments and directions are the strength of the Club. This year we also ask that you return the enclosed questionnaire.

Cordially,

Hugh Dougherty, President  
Arthur Volz, Vice President  
Aleta Brownlee, Secretary  
Ralph Sigmund, Treasurer





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April 21, 1970

Mr. Douglas Baylis  
6 Gerke Alley  
San Francisco, Calif. 94133

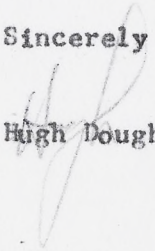
Dear Doug:

From time to time as I dug down through my pile of letters, bills, etc. I would come across your note of February 16. At first I stalled in replying in the hope that I would soon have something good to report. After a while that excuse was exhausted.

About the time you wrote, the local water district which has an ordinance forbidding accumulation of rubbish for more than a month, instructed me to notify Jim Stevens that his collection of old appliances was obviously a violation. I did so and the collection disappeared within a short time. But as you undoubtedly have noticed, there always seem to be a few old junk refrigerators or something of the kind in sight.

I suggested a fence. The excuse was that his tenure was uncertain. I'm sure that some small accumulation is justifiable in view of the nature of his business, which is a permitted use under the zoning laws. The problem is how to persuade him to get it out of sight.

Sincerely

  
Hugh Dougherty



If I can be of help in this matter--please advise.

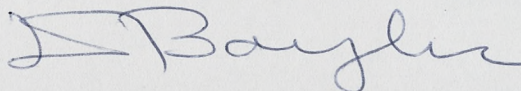
16 February 70

Dear Progressive Club:

Each time I come to the Beach ( we spend two days or more a week) I have been thinking about writing you a letter.

Each time I come to the 'heart of the town' I am unpleasantly reminded of the junk yard 'operated' by Mr Stephens. Since he cleans it up from time to time, he undoubtedly thinks what he is doing is perfectly all right. But the hard facts are: there will always be junk in full view since that is the nature of his business. I believe the Progressive Club should 'suggest' that he build a fence-screen and put some vines or planting on it.

Douglas Baylis





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San Francisco, California 94133

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San Francisco  
California  
94133

*The Progressive Club*  
*Att: Presiding Officer*  
*Stinson Beach,*  
*California: 94970*



Douglas Boylis,  
San Francisco  
94133



April 21, 1970

Board of Fire Commissioners  
Stinson Beach Fire Protection District  
Stinson Beach, California

Re: Budget - 1970-71

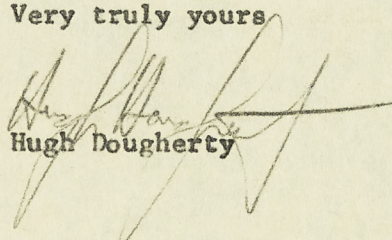
Gentlemen:

With reference to your consideration of the District's budget for the next fiscal year, I respectfully urge you to allocate money for the improvement of fire hydrants and the water mains serving them. From tests conducted by your volunteer firemen during the past year it is clear that the amount of water available at numerous hydrants in town is below the pumping capacity of the fire engines, and apparently is inadequate for reasonable fire protection requirements.

Further, it would appear that regardless of what share of hydrant and water main improvement costs are ultimately borne by the District, some portion of these costs will have to be paid by the District. In this state of affairs it would be prudent to defer purchases of additional fire trucks and construction of additional fire house facilities, needed as they may be, until an adequate supply of water is assured.

For these reasons, I suggest that you create a suitable reserve fund for this purpose and allocate funds from the 1970-71 budget to it.

Very truly yours

  
Hugh Dougherty



May 10, 1970

Mr. Louis H. 'Bud' Baar, Supvr. 4th Dist.  
Marin County Civic Center  
San Rafael, California

Dear Bud:

Thank you for your inquiry of May 8th regarding the Bolinas-Fairfax Stage Road. On short notice I can only give voice to the thoughts of the officers of the Progressive Club, who resist deferment of the work necessary to re-open the road. It is fairly obvious that the road has major importance in terms of fire protection. Beyond that, I think that we all would agree that recreational driving is one of the major attractions of the county, that the visitor industry is the only industry in the western part of the county, and that the Bolinas-Fairfax Road provides a diversification of interest to the tourist that is valuable and should be maintained.

On a related subject, I have been planning to write you prior to budget time, and perhaps this is the time. At a recent meeting our club expressed its displeasure with the condition of the pavement on Panoramic Hwy, mainly west of Pan Toll. We wish to recognize that the Department of Public Works has done extensive work this year and last on culverts and other drainage structures, and we particularly wish to commend the Department for its prompt placement of rip-rap in a number of locations which were threatened with slipouts during the heavy rain periods a few months ago. Nevertheless, the sad fact is that the pavement surface has gradually deteriorated over the years to where annual patching just isn't enough. We appreciate the budgetary constraints involved, but there comes a time when roads simply have to be repaved, and we urge that this be done during the next fiscal year.

Here in Stinson Beach part of Calle Del Arroyo was impassable to ordinary vehicles such as ambulances and sheriff's patrol cars for significantly long periods last winter because of high water in the vicinity of Sacramento Patio. I was there on one of these occasions, during one of the higher tides, and the street was usable only by coot, which were swimming back and forth across the pavement. It would appear that this is the result of gradual subsidence and requires correction in the form of raising the grade of the road at this location.



Also on Calle Del Arroyo in the vicinity of Calle Del Resaca and Calle Del Ribera, the road was frequently covered with water, mud and debris which came from the adjacent creek which overflowed when there was a concurrence of storm water run-off and high tides. The same source of water flooded yards and crawl-space areas under homes west of Calle Del Arroyo, preventing culverts from operating properly. Under such conditions it is most unlikely that the septic tanks in the area were functioning. We wish to emphasize that this condition persisted for extended periods, and was not a "one-shot" occurrence. As laymen, we do not see any obvious solutions to this problem, but anticipate that the professional engineers in the Department can recommend appropriate remedial measures.

This last problem is undoubtedly related to flood control and as such the community should bear part of the cost through the local flood control zone. But to some degree it is also a matter of ordinary street maintenance, taxable to the county as a whole. To that end, we trust that the Department's budget will reflect an appropriate division of remedial costs.

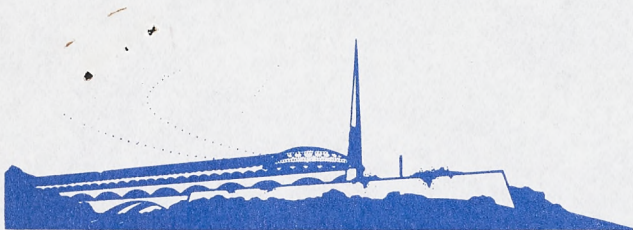
Your interest in these matters is appreciated.

Very truly yours

Hugh Dougherty, President

cc Mr. Donald Frost, Dir. Public Works





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May 8, 1970

Stinson Beach Progressive Club  
Box 217  
Stinson Beach, California

Gentlemen:

Our Public Works Director, Mr. Donald R. Frost, has sent a letter to the Board of Supervisors suggesting that due to the high cost of repairs and with the continued threat of further damage to an existing slide area, the Fairfax-Bolinas road should remain closed for the balance of the year to permit full attention to higher priority jobs.

I requested that the Board hold this matter over until such time as I could contact the people in the area to get their feelings and expressions on their use of this roadway.

It would appear to me that the County of Marin, instead of going forward, would be going backward if we were to close this roadway. I would appreciate your letting me know your views on this matter at your earliest convenience.

Very truly yours,

LOUIS H. 'BUD' BAAR  
Supervisor  
Fourth District

LHB:e

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6/15/70

118 questionnaires were returned. Only 93 listed priorities. 88 of these, or 95%, listed Sewer System as #1 or #2 choice.



985 party owners  
± 2%

359 voters

36%

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174 voter + party 48.9%



pet owner.

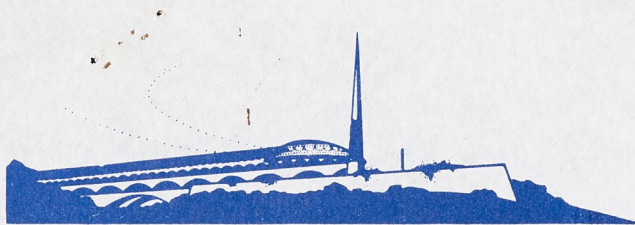
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Peter Behr

457-9441





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June 25, 1970

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Mr. Hugh Dougherty, President  
Progressive Club of Stinson Beach  
Post Office Box 6  
Stinson Beach, Calif. 94970

Re: Budget allocation for  
Bollinas-Fairfax Road

Dear Hugh:

The Board of Supervisors reviewed the above item during its budget sessions this week, and I am pleased to inform you that the Board approved an allocation for the re-opening and maintaining of this road by a four-to-one vote.

I feel this action will contribute towards meeting present and future traffic influx needs in the West Marin area, and I wish to thank you for expressing your interest in this matter.

Yours very truly,

LOUIS H. 'BUD' BAAR  
Supervisor  
Fourth District

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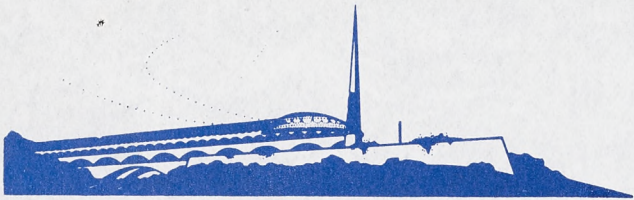
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The Board of Supervisors will be sitting in budget session on June 19th at 10:45 a.m., to review the above item, and I hope that your area will be well represented, in order to give the members an understanding of the need for this roadway.

I feel that unless the slide problem here is completely solved, the County of Marin will be going backwards instead of forward, because the traffic to the West Marin area is certainly going to intensify in the future.

With the culmination of the Point Reyes National Seashore, we will need every road available to help satisfy the influx of traffic.

Yours very truly,

*Bud Baar*  
LOUIS H. 'BUD' BAAR  
Supervisor  
Fourth District

LHB/w

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**Bolinas  
Community  
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May 18, 1970

Board of Supervisors  
Marin County  
San Rafael, California

Attention: Louis H. Baar

Gentlemen:

Your letter of May 8, 1970, regarding the closing of the Bolinas-Fairfax road was read at the Bolinas Community Public Utilities District meeting of May 13, 1970. Discussion by the Board followed.

Upon legal action by the board, a motion was unanimously carried, that this board wishes to go on record for opposing the continued closing of this Bolinas-Fairfax road.

It was felt that for safety and precaution reasons that this is a very vital link of the people in this area with contact over the hill.

Thank you for your co-operation and help in keeping this road open.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Jose A. Silva, Chairman  
Board of Directors  
Bolinas Community Public  
Utilities District

cc: Supervisor Baar  
Donald Frost

JAS/tlp

Louis Bloom, Marin County Fire Chief  
Stinson Beach Fire Dept.  
Stinson Beach Improvement Club  
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Progressive Club of Stinson Beach  
Stinson Beach  
California

Gentlemen:

The Marin County Board of Education is attempting to locate the best possible persons to serve on the Personnel Commission, as per the attached notice.

We would be most appreciative of any interested and qualified individuals your organization would recommend.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,

VIRGIL S. HOLLIS  
County Superintendent of Schools

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The Marin County Board of Education and the Marin County Board of Supervisors jointly adopted a resolution transferring certain duties and functions to the County Board of Education. This transfer by Education Code will require the Board of Education to establish a Personnel Commission.

The Board of Education is inviting interested persons to apply for appointment to the Commission. The Education Code requires a Commissioner be a registered voter of Marin County and a known adherent to the Principles of the Merit System.

Also, a Personnel Commissioner may not be a member of a school district governing board nor an employee of the Marin County Superintendent of Schools office.

Each applicant will be asked to provide pertinent personal information regarding his qualifications to serve on the Committee. The deadline for submitting an application is 5:00 p.m. on July 3, 1970. Any inquiries concerning this announcement should be directed to:

Byron W. Mauzy  
Director of Business Services  
Office of Marin County Superintendent of Schools  
201 Tamal Vista Blvd.,  
Corte Madera, California 94925  
Phone: 924-9500, Ext. 49



Prog Club

MARIN COUNTY PLANNING DEPARTMENT  
Civic Center, San Rafael, California  
Telephone 479-1100, Ext. 2526

August 4, 1970

This is a Courtesy Notice to you as an adjacent property owner that

STINSON BEACH FIRE DISTRICT

has made application for Design Review approval by the Planning Director on  
Assessor's Parcel 195-212-01. The property  
is located on Shoreline Highway between Belvedere Avenue and  
Willow Avenue.

The proposal is briefly described as follows:

To construct an addition to the existing Fire House

Under the provisions of Chapter 22.82 of the Marin County Code, no formal hearing will be held on this application. A decision will be reached by the Planning Director between the date of this letter and August 17, 1970. If you have any comments or questions with regard to this matter, I would suggest that you contact this office immediately.

Appeal of the decision may be made by the applicant or any aggrieved person within five (5) working days following the date of the decision by written request to the Planning Commission accompanied by a \$10.00 filing fee.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please call Mr. Jan Medbø  
at 479-1100, extension 2526.

WERNER VON GUNDELL  
PLANNING DIRECTOR

Jan Medbø  
Planner



Aug. 6, 1970

Mr. David Walker,  
Conservation Foundation,  
1717 Massachusetts Ave,  
Washington D.C.

Dear Mr. Walker:

You will remember our telephone conversation about a citizen's meeting to discuss your findings on the Bolinas Lagoon.

We have decided it would be best to wait for such a meeting until you come out here. We plan a joint meeting of the Progressive Club of Stinson Beach, the Community Center of Bolinas and the West Marin Conservation League. I think Mr. Dougherty, President of the Progressive Club has spoken to you about such a meeting the week you present your findings to the Marin County Board of Supervisors. We hope you will be willing to address such a meeting and suggest three possible dates; Sept. 25th, Oct. 1st or 9th. The Board of Supervisors meets on Tuesdays and you could plan to meet with them either before or after our meeting. We hold meetings on Friday when possible so that people with second homes here who come on weekends may attend.

There is great interest and concern here about the Lagoon and we are anxious that our citizens be informed.

We hope very much that you can arrange this and that you will let us know by Sept. 1st if possible. Have a good vacation!

Sincerely yours,

Aleta Brownlee, Secy.



Aug. 6, 1970

B. Laverne Baughn  
2730 Kroy Way,  
Sacramento, Calif.

Dear Mr. Baughn:

This is in response to the question you asked in regard to the sewer in the Bolinas Stinson Beach area.

Under the time schedule now on file with the Regional Quality Control Board construction is to begin about March 1, 1971 and completed in April 1972. However we should warn you that these schedules are rarely adhered to and there is provision for reasonable project delay.

Sincerely yours,

President





# THE CONSERVATION FOUNDATION

1717 Massachusetts Avenue NW Washington DC 20036 • (202) 265-8882 Cable: CONSERVIT

August 18th, 1970.

Mrs. Aleta Brownlee,  
Secretary,  
Progressive Club of Stinson Beach,  
P.O. Box 6,  
Stinson Beach,  
California, 94970.

Dear Mrs. Brownlee:

I am pleased that the Progressive Club of Stinson Beach is anxious to learn about the Foundation's Bolinas Lagoon study. I will gladly meet with your group, and it appears that October 9th will be the best date.

I am anticipating that the few minor missing pieces will be received well before that date so that our recommendations and report are complete. To that extent I will have to make my commitment tentative, but I foresee no problems at this time.

I look forward to visiting the Bolinas area again and to meeting you and other members of the Club.

Sincerely,

David W. Walker,  
Senior Associate.

DWW:jv.





PROGRESSIVE CLUB  
OF STINSON BEACH

POST OFFICE BOX 6 • STINSON BEACH  
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April 21, 1970

Mr. Douglas Baylis  
6 Gerke Alley  
San Francisco, Calif. 94133

Dear Doug:

From time to time as I dug down through my pile of letters, bills, etc. I would come across your note of February 16. At first I stalled in replying in the hope that I would soon have something good to report. After a while that excuse was exhausted.

About the time you wrote, the local water district which has an ordinance forbidding accumulation of rubbish for more than a month, instructed me to notify Jim Stevens that his collection of old appliances was obviously a violation. I did so and the collection disappeared within a short time. But as you undoubtedly have noticed, there always seem to be a few old junk refrigerators or something of the kind in sight.

I suggested a fence. The excuse was that his tenure was uncertain. I'm sure that some small accumulation is justifiable in view of the nature of his business, which is a permitted use under the zoning laws. The problem is how to persuade him to get it out of sight.

Sincerely

*Hugh Dougherty*  
Hugh Dougherty

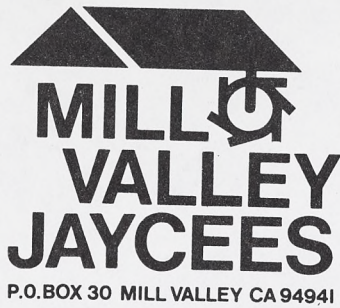
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Dear Mr Dougherty,

Thank you for your letter, I guess my 'complaint' and the water district complaints really did a lot to get things cleaned up around Mr Stevens and it has been a lot better. Maybe two or three of us could 'volunteer' a fence screen made out of weathered boards...there are some 'leftovers' of weathered wood along the road to Seadrift that might be available. Mr Stevens could enter and depart from the side road and not necessarily from the Highway side. I don't know about the restrictions or setbacks-maybe a fence isn't legal or possible.

*D Baylis*





September 4, 1970

Mr. Hugh Dougherty  
Stinson Beach  
California, 94970

Dear Hugh:

On behalf of the Mill Valley Jaycees, thank you for all the good work that the Stinson Beach Progressive Club did for us last Sunday. Please thank especially Art Volz, Ruth Miller, Harriet Greene, and Yvonne, who did such a magnificent job on the refreshment stand.

I hope that if you ever need the Mill Valley Jaycee manpower, you won't hesitate to call on us. Stinson Beach has done a magnificent job over the years.

Again, thanks for all your help.

Very truly yours,

William D. Devlin  
Chairman, 1970 Dipsea Race

WDD:lb



# SEA DRIFT

STINSON BEACH · MARIN COUNTY · CALIFORNIA

Business Office: 351 California Street, San Francisco, California 94104

September 9, 1970

Hugh Dougherty, President  
The Progressive Club of Stinson Beach  
Community Center  
Stinson Beach, California 94970

Dear Mr. Dougherty:

Mr. William Kent, III has just returned from a trip out of the State and regrets that he was unable to attend the meeting of The Pressive Club of Stinson held Friday, August 28th, 1970. He would greatly appreciate a copy of the Minutes of the meeting and of any other notes available.

Thanking you in advance,

Very truly yours,

WILLIAM KENT ESTATE CO.

By Dorothy Van Worman  
Assistant Secretary

*Sent copy  
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Sept. 18, 1970

Mr. David Walker, Senior Associate,  
The Conservation Foundation,  
1717 Massachusetts Ave., N.W.,  
Washington , D.C.

Dear Mr. Walker:

We were pleased with your letter of Aug. 18th indicating the probability that you will speak to our club on Oct. 9th.

Will you please confirm this as soon as you can, so that we may get out notices and give all the people of this area an opportunity to hear the " last word ". If we may also know when you are arriving and where you will stay, we shall arrange for your transportation here.

We need at least ten days to get out notices.

Sincerely yours,

Aleta Brownlee  
Secretary



Dear Friends:

Most of us who live here in Stinson Beach and Bolinas do so by choice. Something about the ocean, the beach, the lagoon, the hills, the wildlife, the absence of urban sprawl, brought us here and keeps us here. Peter Behr, for a time our county supervisor, caught this spirit and did much to keep it that way. As a local member of the ~~x~~ committee in the left margin, I want to recall some of things that Peter Behr did for our ~~communities~~. *area*.

\* \* \* Secured Open Area zoning for publicly owned lands, notably those of Marin Municipal Water District.

\* \* \* Fought off a proposed coast freeway that would have ruined Muir Beach, Stinson Beach, Bolinas Lagoon and the coastal hills.

\* \* \* Urged the Army Engineers to study the feasibility of a harbor in Bolinas Lagoon, but resisted a grandiose development later proposed.

\* \* \* Resisted the Marincello project that would have created a huge housing development south of Muir Beach.

\* \* \* Secured private matching funds to enable the state park system to acquire Muir Beach.

\* \* \* Instrumental in persuading the state to purchase the 1900 acre Brazil-Souza ranches for Tamalpais State Park.

\* \* \* Led the way in securing resident deputy sheriffs for both Bolinas and Stinson Beach.

\* \* \* Initiated the program to bring the shores of Bolinas Lagoon into public ownership so they could be enjoyed by all, and worked for the acquisition of Kent Island with private funds, later given to the County.

\* \* \* Helped bring Agate Beach into the county park system.

Not everything Peter Behr tried worked out so well; few will forget the chain at the end of Wharf Road in Bolinas, wanted by some and hated by others. Or the repeated and unsuccessful efforts to bring Bolinas and Stinson Beach together for a common solution of their sewage problems, which may yet happen.

But because he has demonstrated again and again that he cares, I am sure that if you really care, you will vote for Peter Behr.

Sincerely,

Hugh Dougherty





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1717 Massachusetts Avenue NW Washington DC 20036 • (202) 265-8882 Cable: CONSERVIT

September 22nd, 1970.

Mrs. Aleta Brownlee,  
Secretary,  
Progressive Club of Stinson Beach,  
P.O. Box 6,  
Stinson Beach,  
California, 94970.

Dear Mrs. Brownlee:

I am pleased to confirm my agreement to speak to the Progressive Club of Stinson Beach on October 9th.

I appreciate your offer of transportation, but that will not be necessary, since I will need a rental car for other business. I expect to arrive in the San Francisco area on Thursday the 8th and would like to call you before the meeting to discuss my presentation. Would you please send me a telephone number where you could be reached Thursday evening or Friday morning. Would you also indicate the time of the meeting.

Our report is nearly finished and I look forward to the opportunity of discussing our recommendations with the Club.

Sincerely,

David W. Walker,  
Senior Associate.

DWW:jv.



Sept. 27, 1970

Mr. David W. Walker, Senior Associate,  
The Conservation Foundation,  
1717 Massachusetts Ave.,  
Washington D.C.

Dear Mr. Walker:

We are very pleased to receive your confirmation to speak at our meeting on Oct. 9, 1970.

The meeting will be held at the Community Center here at 8 P.M.

You can reach me at 868-1581. Please try to call on Thursday evening as I may plan an early supper before the meeting with a few of our interested members.

Sincerely,

Aleta Brownlee





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AN ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT PROGRAM  
FOR  
BOLINAS LAGOON, CALIFORNIA

*A Demonstration Study in Conservation  
and Resource Development Planning*

OCTOBER, 1970.

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*To the Board of Supervisors, County of Marin,  
and Citizens of Bolinas and Stinson Beach*

*During the past three years the Conservation Foundation has conducted a series of demonstration projects in which we have dealt with specific conflicts between preservation and development.*

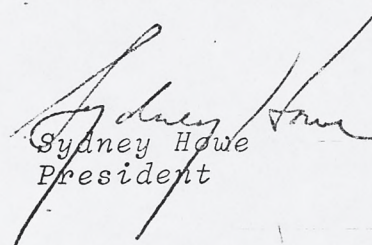
*We have done so out of a conviction that conservationists cannot say simply, "Don't do it." There must be development to serve legitimate needs of people at certain times and places, and it must take forms which respect the integrity of natural systems upon which human welfare depends.*

*While some development must be opposed because it would destroy irreplaceable resources, the facilities which people need can often, by careful ecologically-based planning, be located in harmony with natural surroundings.*

*In a Florida project, we offered a plan which reconciled preservation of a wildlife sanctuary with new waterfront residential development to accommodate 40,000 people. In Pennsylvania, we have proposed a compatible combination of industrial and recreation development, along with protection of a waterfowl marsh, in conjunction with interstate highway construction.*

*We are calling shots as we see them, after thoughtful analysis involving qualified staff and consultants, in a variety of situations. Our findings at Bolinas Lagoon may seem more protective of natural values than conducive to physical development. But we have concluded that substantial development in this case would destroy the area's primary value for people it must serve.*

*It is a pleasure to submit this summary draft of our report on the Bolinas Lagoon area. We earnestly invite comment on our work before the full report is completed.*

  
Sydney Howe  
President



## I. INTRODUCTION

Bolinas Lagoon is a placid place with natural environmental charm which belies the sharp controversies over its use. All involved agree it is a valuable resource, but they disagree on how the values should be captured. To some, the Lagoon must be developed and improved by dredging and construction of boating facilities; to others it must be left alone as a quiet haven for man and nesting egrets.

In gaining ownership of the Lagoon's submerged and peripheral lands, Marin County now has a challenging responsibility to frame policies and initiate programs which will make appropriate use of the Lagoon.

Fortunately, the area has been intensively studied, yet despite the information available, an ecological interpretation of the environmental suitability for various potential uses had not been undertaken. That became the Conservation Foundation's task, and this report presents the findings of an ecologically-oriented planning analysis of Bolinas Lagoon and its environs. As a contribution to the County's deliberations it offers early identification of the beneficial and detrimental effects of prospective development and management alternatives. The Foundation believes that such ecologically derived findings can improve decisions affecting environmental quality and lead to a development pattern which is compatible with protection of natural values.

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Bolinas Lagoon is situated on the California coast about 12 miles northwest of the Golden Gate. It was originally an estuary formed when the Pacific Ocean drowned a valley along the San Andreas Fault. The estuary gradually filled in over thousands of years and is now a tidal lagoon partially separated from the ocean by a sandbar. Its 1,100 acres are surrounded by Bolinas Ridge rising nearly 2,000 feet to the east and by the Point Reyes Peninsula on the west. The Lagoon is about  $3\frac{1}{2}$  miles long and 1 mile wide and has an average depth of 5 feet.

The Bolinas watershed of 10,500 acres is predominantly forest and shrub land. About 30 percent is coniferous forest and one quarter is mixed evergreen forest. Another quarter is grassland and the remainder is evenly divided between chaparral and coastal scrub. The salt marshes around the Lagoon are a relatively small portion, but are a crucial element of the ecosystem. The watershed has a dual geologic character, being divided by the San Andreas Fault. To the east is the Franciscan Formation of sandstones and shales. To the west is the Monterey Formation of marine sedimentary shales of high erodibility.

The importance of the Lagoon area comes from the scenic combination of physical features which create its distinctive character. Also important is the relationship of the Lagoon to Marin County and to the metropolitan San Francisco region. The Pacific Coastal area of Marin County is rich in scenic and natural beauty. Bordering the Lagoon area to the northwest is Point Reyes National Seashore. To the southeast are recreation facilities at Stinson Beach and Mt. Tamalpais State Parks. In the midst of this coastal beauty and recreational opportunity, about 2,000 people have permanent or recreational homes in the communities of Bolinas and Stinson Beach. Theirs is the only concentrated break along many miles of open coast. The concern of Bolinas area citizens for environmental quality has been expressed by disapproval of several development proposals over the past 20 years, and thus, Bolinas Lagoon retains its rural character and charm.

Pressures from the metropolitan region, including increased use of Point Reyes National Seashore, now make preservation of environmental values more difficult. Potential impacts from higher speed, greater capacity highways and residential development could also change this area as they have so many others.



Across the County on the San Francisco Bay side, the pioneering Bay Conservation and Development Commission has demonstrated that planning to protect environmental quality and guide shoreline development can be achieved. On a smaller scale, but with similar problems and opportunities, those concerned with the Bolinas Lagoon area can extend the region's innovative and bold ventures in environmental conservation.



Much has already been done to protect environmental quality in the Bolinas Lagoon area. To build upon the valuable base of State lands transferred to it, the County has purchased much of the Lagoon shoreline. Kent Island is now a hard-won County preserve. Also, Bolinas and Stinson Beach are seeking a solution to their common water pollution problem. Conversely, proposals to significantly change the character of the area have been rejected. Such actions register a clear commitment and precedent for environmental conservation which the Foundation believes is commendable and farsighted.

Nevertheless, our studies reveal that positive action is essential to protect environmental values. The Lagoon cannot be "locked up". A passive, do-nothing strategy will fail, because the Lagoon and its watershed are a dynamic natural system. In addition to natural processes, human impacts accelerate change. Rather than allow those processes to accelerate conversion of the Lagoon into a marshy meadow, the Foundation recommends a preventive management program to assure continuation of man's enjoyment of the area. Fortunately, environmental protection need not exclude community development and natural resource use. In the Lagoon area, there is space for community expansion by appropriate means.

Underlying the Foundation's recommendations are three observations. First, Marin County is pioneering in protection of environmental values. It has supported creation of the Point Reyes National Seashore; It has halted logging on the Bolinas watershed; and it has suggested a scenic ridgetop highway, rather than another freeway, for relocation of U.S. route 1. Marin County citizens have a special awareness and high sensitivity to their environment. Secondly, the Bolinas area has special significance as the one urban center on a naturally beautiful coast, and one which must continue to enhance that coast rather than become a sprawling eyesore. Finally, the Foundation believes that careful management of the Bolinas Lagoon area offers a nationally significant opportunity to achieve, and thereby demonstrate, the type of ecologically sensitive management of land and water to meet human needs without destroying environmental quality.

Any appropriate policy for use of Bolinas Lagoon must retain the scenic character of the area. Previous proposals for large-scale development and extensive mass multiple use will destroy the ecosystem and its distinctive character, especially its pastoral charm. Piecemeal developments which collectively and irreversibly transform beauty into sameness should be resisted.



Harbor seals resting on Kent Island, pelicans emerging from the fog, egrets nesting in a Redwood grove, and the setting sun giving a warm glow to Bolinas Ridge - those are values without peer. Appreciation and enjoyment of such values are opportunities all too rare.

The Foundation recommends adoption of environmentally sensitive County recreation and master plans for the area to assure greater protection of natural resources and to meet such public needs and private aspirations as those resources can serve without being degraded. The following recommendations and findings are directed to identifying the vital environmental conservation elements of those plans, since our intention and function are not to engage in comprehensive land use planning. The detailed steps considered essential to environmental conservation are offered first, followed by general planning findings identified as overall requirements for formulating effective County programs.

#### Specific Recommendations

One: Halt Sewage Pollution. A health hazard exists from discharge of raw sewage. Along with runoff from watershed lands, sewage contributes to overenrichment which could result in a smelly and unsightly algae bloom. As commendable as recent progress in joint planning by the Bolinas and Stinson Beach communities is, construction of sewerage facilities is urgently needed. The ocean outfall alternative with effective waste treatment now offers the most satisfactory protection for the Lagoon and should be swiftly constructed. Nevertheless, monitoring of potential biological effects on Duxbury Reef should accompany use of the outfall.

Two: Prohibit Building in Hazardous Areas. The San Andreas Fault location and vulnerability of the two geologic formations make building on central slopes of Bolinas Ridge, on the sandspit, and on filled lands hazardous. Therefore, no building should be permitted on the slide-prone slopes, and new buildings on the sandspit should conform to construction standards formulated to assure their safety.

Three: Limit Recreational Use of the Lagoon. The Lagoon and its environs have high potential for recreation use, but all potential uses are not compatible. Use should be limited to those activities which depend upon and are compatible with retention of the area's natural character. Those uses include:



fishing, shellfishing, bird study, nature education, canoeing and sailing, photography and painting, hiking, cycling, and picnicking.

Four: Restrict Motorboating. Motorboating on the Lagoon is incompatible with preservation of the marine ecosystem and maintenance of a wildlife sanctuary. Except in the channel from the berthing area at Bolinas to the ocean channel, motorboating should be prohibited. Deepening channels to facilitate motorboats elsewhere would stir up bottom organisms and polluted mud. Noise from motors would disturb feeding birds and harbor seals.

Five: Prohibit Hunting. Waterfowl shooting is inconsistent with refuge status. The entire Lagoon should be designated a wildlife refuge where hunting is prohibited.

Six: Control Shellfishing. Overharvesting of shellfish has occurred, including serious damage to the highly vulnerable marine life on Duxbury Reef. When the existing public health prohibition against harvest is removed, regulations should be adopted to achieve a sustained yield. Designation of the Lagoon and Duxbury Reef as an ecological reserve under California statute is recommended.

Seven: Continue Prohibition of Logging. As a result of previous logging practices, sedimentation from a cutover area was five times greater than that from an adjacent unlogged area. The current County prohibition of logging should be continued.

Eight: Restrict Land Development. Disturbance of natural vegetation by land development sharply increases Lagoon sedimentation. As with logging, development has a rapid and persistent effect. Development densities envisioned in the 1961 Bolinas-Stinson Beach Master Plan should be amended. Until then, an interim environmental zoning ordinance should be adopted to regulate development while planning is under way. The ordinance should place a moratorium on approval of any development proposals on watershed lands outside the Bolinas and Stinson Beach communities. The focus of growth should be on undeveloped land within the existing communities where public services are available.



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Nine: Establish a Marin Environmental Conservation Center. The County should consider use of the Lagoon environs as a Marin Environmental Conservation Center to expand upon the existing educational activities at Audubon Canyon Ranch and the College of Marin Bolinas Marine Station. Establishment of a county-wide facility would increase opportunities for students and adults to improve their awareness and understanding of environmental conservation values, problems and solutions.

#### General Planning Findings

One: Adopt Environmental Protection as a Goal. Since the quality of the Lagoon and its surroundings is being degraded by man's use, protection and restoration of environmental values should be a principal goal of comprehensive land use and outdoor recreation planning. The value of the Lagoon area as open space should be emphasized, with recognition that it will provide various opportunities for individual recreation activities. Further, a conservation goal would assure area residents that their values, both tangible and aesthetic, will be protected rather than jeopardized by piecemeal developments whose cumulative effect is environmental deterioration. All of the current and recent proposals for major development would endanger existing values and uses.

Two: A Harbor of Refuge Would Be Detrimental. Construction of a harbor of refuge would be detrimental to the marine ecosystem. A jetty system for a harbor entrance could affect sand nourishment of Stinson Beach by interfering with littoral drift, and internal improvements for berthing and turning would disturb the marine ecosystem. Further, Duxbury Reef makes navigation into the Bolinas channel dangerous in storms. Alternatively, Drakes Bay, only 15 miles away, could be considered.

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Three: Recreation Planning Should Be Comprehensive. Although most directly concerned with County lands, the recreational use plan should encompass the watershed, Duxbury Reef, the adjacent ocean coastline, and nearby State and National recreation installations in order to place the recreational role of the Lagoon in perspective. Many potential recreational uses are already provided better elsewhere, and Bolinas can be viewed as an element in a comprehensive recreation system, with its environmental assets as a distinctive component. Planning for nature study, bird watching, and related uses should also consider ways to complement the facilities of the Audubon Canyon Ranch, and the Bolinas Marine Station.



Four: Continue Existing Boat Berthing. Berthing of resident's boats at Bolinas has little adverse impact on the ecosystem, and it provides desirable recreation boating access to the ocean. In preparation of the recreation plan, consideration should be given to provision of onshore waste disposal facilities and for procedures to prevent pollution from fuel spills. Improvements should not involve encroachment upon the Kent Island Preserve. If remedial dredging becomes necessary to maintain ocean access through the channel, it would be undertaken with biological monitoring of the effects on marine life, and such findings used to guide further dredging practices. Dredging spoil should not be returned to the Lagoon or deposited on any watershed location from which it would be washed back into the Lagoon. If recreation planning studies establish that a need exists for public boating access, the County should consider renting to the public at Bolinas an appropriate number of canoes, sailboats, and rowboats, since no suitable site exists for a launching facility which would not destroy valuable salt marsh.

Five: The Heron Rookery Feeding Grounds Must Be Protected. As the site of one of the large heron and egret rookeries on the coast, the Lagoon has ornithological distinction. Protection of the nesting colony requires preservation of its food supply from the Lagoon and freedom from physical disturbance. The Lagoon is also an important wintering area for large numbers of shorebirds and waterfowl.

Six: Encroachment On The Salt Marsh Must Be Prevented. A highly productive link in the Lagoon ecosystem is the peripheral salt marsh, but it is especially vulnerable to filling, accelerated sedimentation, and pollution. The salt marsh provides vital nutrients for a complex food chain upon which fish, shellfish, waterfowl, and wading birds depend. The County's Tidal Waterways Ordinance is an important tool for controlling filling and dumping and should be rigorously enforced. The existing dump should be closed.

Seven: The Master Plan Should Be Revised Soon. To facilitate mutual support between outdoor recreation planning and more comprehensive planning for the area, the schedule for revision of the Bolinas-Stinson Beach Master Plan should be advanced as much as possible. The existing plan is not sufficient to assure environmental protection. Some comprehensive planning considerations for environmental management are:



A. Increasing tax burdens may fall on some local residents with implementation of these recommendations. Alternative forms of relief, including establishment of a coastal recreation district which could collect user fees and provide special services such as parking, police protection, and trash collection, should be analyzed for feasibility and desirability.

B. The existing county Tidal Waterways and Natural Resources Ordinances and the 1961 Bolinas-Stinson Beach Plan are insufficient to assure effective environmental management. The County should appraise the various alternatives for implementation described in the "Environmental Management Implementation Report" by Sedway/Cooke. Since existing tools are known to have weaknesses, the report suggests new approaches and devices which should be evaluated for adoption to overcome such deficiencies.

C. Formulation of a Bolinas area open space policy by the County, which will affect private land holdings, should be accompanied by a suitable program for compensation to landowners.

D. A sediment control program should be initiated. Watershed management to control and prevent erosion is more effective than remedial dredging and downstream sediment basins to preserve the Lagoon. Sediment budgets should be included in the plan, establishing permissible sedimentation amounts for existing and potential uses on vulnerable sloping sites throughout the watershed.

Eight: Highway Development Is An Environmental Threat. Any major highway construction within the watershed will accelerate sedimentation. If improvement of the California Coast Highway becomes necessary, relocation on the Bolinas Ridge crest, as proposed by the County, would have less direct effect on the Lagoon than lower alternative routes. Sediment control measures should be included in any highway design and planning program. To assure that its policy preferring a ridgetop route with scenic standards for relocation of the coast highway is feasible, the County should lead in gaining a new state highway classification based on appropriate design standards for environmental and scenery protection.

Remove from freeway status  
Parkway?



Nine: Environmental Management Requires Interagency Cooperation. County responsibility for protection of the Lagoon environment is divided among the Parks and Recreation Department and Commission, the Planning Department and Commission, the Public Health Department and the Public Works Department. Existing arrangements for coordination of their programs in the Lagoon area should be made permanent and expanded to encompass programs having environmental impacts throughout the County, to prevent conflicts.

Ten: Monitoring of Environmental Conditions is Essential. Valuable data have been gathered on the Lagoon area environment in recent years, but few of the observations have been of sufficient duration to identify natural trends in the ecosystem. A modest continuing environmental research program should be established in cooperation with the Bolinas Marine Station of the College of Marin and the Audubon Canyon Ranch. The County should also obtain the continuing cooperative participation of the U.S. Geological Survey, the Regional Water Quality Control Board, and the California Fish and Game Department. Continuing analysis of data will allow environmental management policies and programs to be evaluated and will identify changes in the ecosystem.



Along with initial steps already taken, the Conservation Foundation has the following suggestions for immediate action in use of this report:

The Marin County Board of Supervisors should:

1. Adopt an interim ordinance establishing a moratorium on development within the watershed to provide additional protection during the planning period.
2. Request the appropriate County departments and commissions to analyze and respond to the Foundation's recommendations.
3. Similarly, instruct the appropriate agencies to investigate the opportunity for making Bolinas Lagoon a model or demonstration project in environmental conservation. Recent federal legislation on environmental quality should create possibilities for federal agencies to provide financial support for projects which help demonstrate specific ways to achieve new national environmental quality goals.
4. Request the County Planning Commission and Department to report on feasibility of speeding up revisions of the Bolinas-Stinson Beach plan.

The Citizens of Bolinas and Stinson Beach should:

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1. Approve necessary financial arrangements for a sewerage system with ocean outfall, and evaluate advantages in a merger of the Stinson Beach County Water District and the Bolinas Community Public Utility District.
  2. Consider endorsement of the report's recommendations.
  3. Establish an intercommunity forum to identify goals for environmental conservation which the County can consider in its planning programs. The people's leadership in previous issues has been decisive in protecting the environment.
  4. Because some of the costs, as well as the benefits, which result from increasing visitor use of the area are already felt by local taxpayers, the communities should seek professional assistance, or request County sponsorship, of an analysis of the economic impacts of recreational development and an environmental management program.



The Audubon Canyon Ranch Board of Directors should:

1. Identify the specific cause of increasing nesting failure in the Rookery.
2. Consider formal endorsement of appropriate portions of the report relating to Ranch activities.
3. Discuss formal arrangements with the County for cooperative participation of the Ranch's programs in the recommended environmental conservation program, particularly in the education and continuing environmental research elements.

The Marin Conservation League should:

1. Discuss the report to consider endorsing it and requesting its implementation.
2. Establish a Bolinas Lagoon committee to monitor progress in implementing this report's recommendations and to lead in advising on environmental issues the County Planning and Parks and Recreation Departments during the planning projects.



Despite the general adequacy of information, some important gaps prevent full understanding of all of the planning ramifications of natural processes in the Lagoon area. Further, this report is being submitted before some related work was available. A few of the gaps, some potential additional information sources which may influence the planning process, and undecided proposals which may become pertinent, include:

1. The final report of the U.S. Geological Survey on its Bolinas project is unavailable, but preliminary and tentative findings were considered in preparation of this report.

2. A California Fish and Game Department report on the Lagoon also is not yet available, but informal discussions with Department representatives were held to exchange ideas.

3. Littoral drift is the mechanism for beach replenishment. The relationship between cliff erosion, littoral drift, and beach replenishment is not now clear, but it could be substantial in Bolinas Bay. Therefore, while the Foundation did not specially investigate this aspect, it believes that any jetty system, cliff stabilization program, and groin and beach nourishment system would be inappropriate without clear determination that adverse effects would not be experienced elsewhere, such as at Seadrift or Stinson Beach.

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4. Several state legislative proposals for new state coastal management policies and programs are under consideration. Enactment could affect implementation of a Bolinas program.

5. While the Foundation's studies dealt with environmental values and costs, without explicit consideration of economic effects, identification of the public and private costs and benefits from alternative uses of the Lagoon and its surrounding lands would aid the planning process.

6. Master planning for use and development of Point Reyes National Seashore is currently underway. Depending on the scale and location of facilities in and around the Seashore, Bolinas and Stinson Beach could become important service communities for Point Reyes visitors. Therefore, coordination with National Park Service planners should be maintained because of the potential impacts on the Lagoon area.



7. As has been recorded elsewhere, heron and egret nesting success at Audubon Canyon Ranch appears to be declining because use of DDT and other persistent pesticides is reducing egg fertility. If that premise is confirmed, the County should ban use of such pesticides.



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from "Biological Considerations in Bolinas Lagoon Planning: An Analytical Summary," by Rowan A. Rowntree.

## I. THE WATERSHED

General: The watershed flora and fauna have been described and general changes in the upland and marsh plant communities can be predicted with reasonable accuracy. Further study should include (a) more precise mapping of the plant communities, (b) correlation of the upland communities with precise mapping of soil types, and (c) time-monitoring of plant species change in test plots or along standard transects. Management of the watershed should aim to preserve a spatial balance of grassland and forest through planned grazing patterns, brush removal, and natural succession. Land uses that are appropriate to these objectives and to the rural character of the watershed should be regulated to preserve downstream biota.

Grazing and Grassland Succession: Approximately two-thirds of the existing grassland should be preserved by a vegetation management program. Inquiry should be made as to methods for improving the composition of grasses to reduce erosion and sediment production.

Fire Protection: Forest communities on the watershed can be protected by removing brush growing along the grassland-forest interface.

Dairying: Dairies should be required to dispose of cattle waste in pits or fields designed to hold the manure and prevent it from moving directly into streams.

Commercial Logging: Unless rigorous criteria for regeneration, esthetics, and erosion control can be met, this activity should be prohibited on the watershed.

Subdivision and Development: This activity should be subject to the same criteria as that described for logging. Until more specific data are available about soils and vegetation, any development on the east side of the watershed should be limited to small clusters on the higher shoulders of Bolinas Ridge and served by an access road along the crest of the ridge.



## II. LAGOON BIOLOGY

General: It is more difficult to predict changes in the lagoon's biota than it is to see trends on the watershed. More study is needed to describe the fluctuations and trends in animal communities as they relate to the presence of other organisms or certain environmental factors. There is little information on which to predict biotic responses to such man-induced changes as harbors, dredging or even the elimination of heavy nutrient loads derived from sewage. The management program should strive for a balanced array of species rather than encouraging the predominance of one or several attractive organisms. Major stresses on the lagoon biota should be spaced in time to allow for biotic adjustment, and a continuing program of monitoring should document biotic response to these stresses. Feedback from this monitoring program should guide future management.

Water Pollution: Although this report supports current plans for an ocean outfall of treated sewage, it is suggested that a severe stress will be put on marine organisms (and possibly shorebirds) when the high nutrient loads from Bolinas sewage are eliminated from the lagoon. This stress should be monitored and time should be allowed for biotic adjustment before other stresses are put on the lagoon's biota.

Dredging to Improve Circulation: Presently, there is not sufficient cause to support a dredging program that purports to improve circulation to the northwest end of the lagoon. Nuisance algae blooms will decrease with lower nutrient levels after dairy and municipal wastes are eliminated. Large shorebirds habitually use the high spot near the northwest end for fishing and substrate feeding. This area should not be disturbed at this time.

Harbor: Within strict limits of use and size, a small resident harbor at the present dock location is compatible with other uses of the lagoon. Before changes are made to the substrate or channel morphology, present biotic communities in that area must be thoroughly described. After changes are made, a follow-up analysis should be conducted to determine how long it takes to reconstitute substrate profiles and endemic benthic communities.



Recreation: With the exception of the harbor, the lagoon should be reserved for passive recreational activities such as research and appreciation of the watershed-lagoon ecosystem. Duxbury Reef should be included in this biological reserve. Swimming, motor-boating and hunting should be prohibited. Fishing, clamming, canoeing, and sail-boating in the lagoon should be regulated by permit at the county level. Expanded public educational facilities and small viewing boardwalks could be important elements in a recreation plan.

Water Quality Monitoring: The county, in conjunction with the appropriate regulatory agencies and the Bolinas Marine Station, should monitor water quality in the lagoon and on the watershed using parameters that indicate the "health" of the aquatic environment or that may assist in predicting biotic change.

### III. THE AVIFAUNA

General: While the species of birds using the lagoon have been listed, the numbers of individuals within these species are only generally known and their functional relationships to the lagoon biota or microgeography are, to date, unclear. Hopefully, these questions will be answered in a continuing study involving the Audubon Canyon Ranch and the Point Reyes Bird Observatory. Until the bird populations are better understood, it is impossible to predict, accurately, natural avifaunal changes that will result from changes in the lagoon's gross morphology. There is even less information on what changes will take place from man-induced causes. Any management strategy should recognize the major importance of birdlife to the recreational values of the lagoon and should build a program around this attribute. Changes to the lagoon that would disturb the resident egrets and herons should be deferred until these species stabilize their numbers and more is known about their feeding and breeding ecology.

Harbor: If a small harbor is built in the location of the present dock, care should be taken not to disturb the Cypress trees used by the Snowy egrets and Night herons. Also, Kent Island should be protected from intrusions by the harbor although it may be appropriate to install a small boardwalk to several points on the island if access can be limited to this walkway.



Habitat Improvement: Manipulation of the lagoon habitats to encourage breeding species is not recommended in that there are not enough additional species which would take advantage of such a program. The lagoon is used primarily as a migratory element in the Pacific Flyway.



from "Bolinás Lagoon - A Report to the Conservation Foundation"  
by David Storm, Storm Engineering/Design, May 15th, 1970.

The principal, broad objectives of the investigation can be stated as follows:

1. Evaluate the ecological factors affecting protection and enhancement of environmental values.
2. Describe the potential damage to, or improvement of, environmental quality from development or management measures being considered for the project area.
3. Identify procedures and techniques for conserving environmental values under specific kinds of development proposals.
4. Demonstrate the application and contribution of ecological principles to planning for natural resources management.

#### Investigative Elements

Several items of importance were identified as being critical in the ecological balance, aging characteristics and water quality of the lagoon system. These elements formed the basis of detailed areas of study and provided direction for the necessary complementary and supplementary information exchanges between consultants.

The report deals with the following aspects of the problems:

1. the effects of wastes on the Bolinas Lagoon ecosystem, and formulation of an overall water quality management program for the Lagoon,
2. a study of routings and alignments of proposed major transportation arteries through the Bolinas Lagoon system, and their potential effect on the environment,
3. a study of the problems associated with construction of a harbor facility including dredging, size, location, extent, and the potential effects of such variables on the lagoon and its sub-systems,
4. the study of watershed disturbances and suspended sediment production and the practicality of a watershed management program to control, within reasonable limits, the production of suspended sediment and its transport and deposition in the Lagoon.



Conclusions and Recommendations

1. The northwest and southeast sections of Bolinas Lagoon are most vulnerable to water quality degradation.
2. A cooperative water quality monitoring program for Bolinas Lagoon and its fresh water tributaries should be implemented. The economic and manpower resources of a number of interested agencies and institutions should be utilized, all of which could enjoy the benefits of a continuing basic data source to assist in carrying out their legal and academic responsibilities.
3. The interim Bolinas-Stinson Beach sewerage plan should be given maximum support by local inhabitants, as well as by state and federal agencies which can provide financing assistance.
  - a. greater disposal efficiency might be obtained if the ebb tide effluent discharge plan was limited to the long ebb tide (HHW to LLW),
  - b. the ultimate sewerage plan for the area with ocean outfall disposal should be sought when local financing capability dictates,
  - c. should a harbor and marina facility be constructed, requisite works to accommodate water craft wastes from holding tanks should be included in the proposed interim sewerage system.
4. In sectors with poor circulation over-enrichment of the lagoon waters can:
  - a. contribute to an increase in the rate of aging of the lagoon (eutrophication),
  - b. cause localized depletion of dissolved oxygen and stress aquatic biota, and
  - c. create nuisance, foul odors and otherwise adversely affect esthetic values, if the algae bloom is extensive.
5. Some possible alternatives exist for establishing a balanced nutrient supply:



- a. by remote sensing or other means establish a program to monitor the seasonal, standing algae crop in the lagoon, (special attention to the northern and southern extremities);
  - b. by early implementation of the Bolinas-Stinson Beach water pollution control scheme;
  - c. by including in the proposed water quality monitoring program studies to determine algal growth potentials of the lagoon waters under several imposed conditions (light limiting, nutrient limiting, etc.);
  - d. by encouraging the diversion and control of nutrients at the source, including as a priority action the selection of another site for the sanitary landfill which is presently on the northwest shore of the lagoon.
6. Higher dissolved oxygen minimum standards for Bolinas Lagoon (greater than 4.0 mg/l) may be desirable for an optimum aquatic habitat, if more intensive use of the lagoon is contemplated.
  7. Any dissolved oxygen deficiency in Bolinas Lagoon, either anticipated or observed, can provide an opportunity to derive a further understanding of the lagoon's self-purifying mechanism and capabilities, and should not be neglected in the development of an overall management program for the system.
  8. The continued location of a harbor facility at the existing site, as proposed by Gilroy Associates, appears to serve the basic boating needs of the area, and be least disruptive to the lagoon system.
    - a. advantage can be taken of the west-Kent Island harbor location and its proximity to the proposed Bolinas-Stinson Beach sewerage system, with its inherent capability for handling liquid water-craft wastes.
    - b. an ultimate finite size for the harbor facility or the lagoon's holding capacity for small craft should be established, not on the basis of future boating demand but on the environmental experience and observations made in the lagoon subsequent to the construction and use of the first phase marina unit.



- c. establish a rigid regulatory and enforcement framework for the control of watercraft waste materials, the entry of which into the lagoon would be contrary to the multipurpose use of its waters by man and other life forms.
  - d. investigate the potential adverse effects of the subaqueous discharge of watercraft motor exhaust on the restoration of the Bolinas Lagoon shell fishery.
- 9. Mitigative measures which will lessen the adverse effects of a final routing of Shoreline Highway should be carefully evaluated and identified for inclusion in the detailed highway construction planning and design which will rapidly follow finalization of route selection.
- 10. Applying the principles of land resource economics, and related disciplines, develop criteria for relating the location of Shoreline Highway to its affect on
  - a. the potential development rate of the privately owned Bolinas uplands, and
  - b. the development rate of the Bolinas-Stinson Beach communities.
- 11. During significant winter storms, the incremental effect of substantial fresh water inflows to the lagoon may, on the ebb tide, produce higher scouring velocities in the lagoon channels than are experienced during a non-storm period, and hence erosion of larger volumes of suspended sediments. Likewise, on the flood tidal flows, freshwater outflows would inhibit the normal ocean water incursion and tidal sediment transport into the lagoon.
- 12. One source of lagoon aggradation may result from fluvial, bed-load materials which resist transport, once deposited in the lagoon by the steeply-sloping, tributary streams.
- 13. Bed-material load determinations should be made on selected streams using sampling devices, as a confirmatory data for such empirical bed-load equations as are found to predict well for the Bolinas Lagoon streams.
- 14. The incremental effect of an assumed development,



including such watershed disturbances as a residential site excavation and road and highway construction, could result in an estimated additional 2,400 tons of suspended sediment reaching the lagoon.

15. Field observations of suspended sediment translocation in the Bolinas Lagoon watershed on sub-drainage basins, where recent logging had occurred, indicated that quantities of suspended sediment have been deposited at intermediate sections in the stream system and are available for future eventual transportation to the lagoon. Such a factor plays a large part in extending the influence of watershed disturbance on increased sediment production for many years.
16. Unpredictable catastrophies such as major land-slides, forest fires on the uplands or other soil instability resulting from land utilization of the watershed, could increase the quantity of suspended sediment available for transport to the lagoon by an extraordinary amount.
17. An "unmanaged" undeveloped Bolinas watershed might produce on the average 7,000 - 10,000 tons of suspended sediment per year.
18. A "managed" watershed might yield 50 percent of average annual values of suspended sediment, e.g., 3,500 - 5,000 tons per year.
19. A maximum level of annual sediment production should be established for each tributary system, with the obligation for maintaining desired levels being the collective responsibility of all private parties and public entities with ownership or jurisdiction on the respective sub-watersheds.
20. Sediment "harvesting", as proposed by Gilroy Associates, would require export from the Bolinas Lagoon drainage area. To locate a spoil area within an economic haul distance where re-suspension and transport of the unwanted sediment material would not again occur, becomes a problem of sizeable proportions. As in many solutions of this type, the physical problem of constructing a sediment catchment for each tributary, large enough to regulate and detain the large volumes of storm runoff for natural sedimentation, is often impossible.



from "The Watershed - Runoff and Sedimentation"  
by Professor Robert H. Burgy, May, 1970.

This study is directed to the purpose of identifying critical land use factors beneficially or adversely influencing the environment in and around the Bolinas Lagoon.

The report seeks to provide a basis for the quantification of certain responses to several current and proposed land uses in the lagoon's tributary watershed.

Factors influencing the hydrology of the watersheds include the soils, geological, and vegetative systems responding to climatic variations as well as natural and culturally induced phenomena.

#### Summary

The Bolinas Lagoon Watershed reflects the present status of multi-purpose use. Portions are currently managed to optimize particular values to the owners. Other parts are being retained for possible future improvement.

Some sections reflect the actions of logging by highly accelerated erosion rates. Studies on comparative sites have provided the basis for generation of the predictive values of sediment production to be applied in estimating the impact of other land management practices on the lagoon's environment.

The rationale for several alternative management schemes on the watershed is developed. Resultant influences are explored, and the conclusion deemed most reasonable for the many interests held important, centers in the future management of the watershed to achieve maximum stability of soils and reduce sedimentation rates into the lagoon. This objective will require careful planning and deliberate consideration of each new development and land usage proposal for this watershed.

#### Special Recommendations

To preserve the Bolinas Lagoon from heavy loadings of suspended sediment from surrounding streams, it is imperative that mismanagement of the watershed be halted.



- a. Stop all present logging practices and restrict further general timber harvesting by the current methods. If new means of removing selected trees can be developed to avoid disturbances due to hauling, skidding, and related effects, then tree harvesting of mature individuals would be much less damaging.
- b. Seek development of upstream programs to reduce erosion at the source, and at minimum, seek to contain the material near the source, by traps, basins, or other works.
- c. Plan all road developments to avoid slip-prone soils areas and certain geologically unstable sections on Bolinas Ridge.
- d. Stop disposal of road slide debris into streams.



from "Bolinás Lagoon Environs-Environmental Management Implementation," by Paul H. Sedway, Sedway/Cooke.

In a program seeking to develop an informational base for environmental management and planning of the Bolinas Lagoon and its environs, and to recommend approaches for achieving environmental management objectives, an implementation survey takes on special meaning. To be effective, environmental management policy must be oriented to ongoing processes. Therefore, typical approaches to carrying out a development plan, e.g., precise locational designations, specific capital improvements, zoning reclassifications, etc., become ancillary. Rather, the major needs are to suggest new governmental and private procedures, and to devise new perspectives on developing, regulating, acquiring, and taxing lands.

The report includes three major sections: I) A survey of public and private influences on the Bolinas Lagoon and its environs; II) An analysis of: a) man-made and natural processes, activities and phenomena; b) the actions or methods needed to affect them; and c) the implementation powers or programs which are essential; and III) A recommended proposal for primary actions.

#### SUMMARY OF MAJOR RECOMMENDATIONS

The following is a summary of major recommendations on implementation of environmental management programs for the Bolinas Lagoon and its environs.

##### Governmental Organization

1. The current governmental structure in the study area is cumbersome and lacks coordination. A timetable of proposed governmental change should be formulated by the Local Agency Formation Commission, working closely with the local districts, Planning Department and other involved agencies. Although current resources and relationships (geographical and otherwise) do not appear to warrant immediate incorporation and merger of Bolinas and Stinson Beach, such action is likely to be feasible in a few years. Planning for such action now, and achieving a consensus among present entities will expedite governmental improvement and timely change.

In the interim, a policy should be adopted prohibiting creation of new districts or expansions of existing districts,



except in case of overriding need. At the same time, representatives of the districts and related County departments should meet regularly to discuss problems of mutual interest; such a group could be served by County staff.

2. Several County departments are directly involved in resource conservation and environmental management activities in Bolinas and elsewhere. The need for coordination of their inputs suggests two basic courses of action: (1) creating a new County department of "Resources," "Resource Conservation," or "Environmental Management"; or (2) ensuring that each involved department (Planning, Parks and Recreation, Public Works, Public Health, and Agriculture) includes within it at least one professional expert in environmental management; these persons could merge as needed into an inter-departmental task force for special assignments. (Such a program would involve creating a new civil service category or categories.)

3. The department or professional group created in #2 above, should serve a new citizen commission, also including persons familiar with, or interested in, environmental management. Such a commission could respond to referrals of all development proposals with a significant impact on the environment. The commission might also be served by an advisory panel, including an ecologist, hydrologist, biologist, seismologist, etc. These consultants could be utilized as needed to review proposals with great potential impact.

4. County support should be given to creation of new State and/or regional agencies with authority and resources to implement environmental management programs in the Bolinas area and other coastline areas. At the current legislative session, two different approaches are being pursued: (1) a State coastline conservation and development agency, including constituent sub-State regional agencies; and (2) a regional open space agency. If support is lacking for both of these proposals sufficient to achieve enactment, consideration should be given at the next legislative session to expanding the authority of the San Francisco Bay Conservation and Development Commission to include the ocean coastline of the three coastline counties now in BCDC.

5. Immediate attention should be given to a merger of the Stinson Beach County Water District and the Bolinas Community Public Utility District. The arbitrary boundary on the west side of the Lagoon between these two agencies militates against an effective solution to the sewage disposal problem. (The



boundaries actually exclude a substantial portion of the lower end of the Lagoon near the channel mouth.) If the study of a merger is not voluntarily initiated by the two districts in a timely manner, the Board of Supervisors should consider initiating action for consolidation under the California District Reorganization Act. A more comprehensive study should be given to expansion of the Marin Municipal Water District westward or the North Marin Water District southward from Olema, to encompass the Bolinas-Stinson Beach area. From a planning standpoint, it might be most desirable if Marin County ultimately had only two, or possibly a single water district.

### Planning

1. The present parallel planning efforts of the Parks and Recreation and Planning Departments should be more closely programmed. Although the Lagoon itself must be the focus and point of departure for the planning effort, proposals for the Lagoon being formulated by the Parks and Recreation Department could have significant influences on the surrounding watershed. For this reason, a comprehensive planning work program should be formulated, spelling out the planning "interfaces" of the two somewhat separated programs. Additionally, the formal start of the Planning Department program to revise the Bolinas-Stinson Beach Master Plan should be moved up, if possible, from a proposed starting time of early 1971, to ensure a coordinated effort. The existing liaison between the two departments should be continued.
2. The proposed comprehensive work program for the two related planning efforts should include special studies dealing with environmental management and environmental quality, with inputs by an ecologist, experts in soils and water, biologist, seismologist, and urban designer. These experts could constitute the advisory panel proposed in #3, under Governmental Organization above, to review development proposals for the area, during the planning period. Both plans should include "Environmental Management" elements. The plans should designate natural sub-planning areas, and should include programming of actions, financing of programs, and criteria for decision-making.
3. An immediate purpose of the Lagoon Plan being formulated by the Parks and Recreation Department is to meet requirements of the State tideland grant legislation. Under one interpretation of that law, multiple recreational use and/or environmental management must be a significant feature of the plan to meet the requirements. Since many environmental management



proposals must relate to the surrounding watershed and Lagoon environs, the planning area boundary should extend back from the Lagoon inland at least one mile, and preferably two miles on the east to the ridgeland.

4. A citizens' advisory group clearly is needed to provide a public input into the Bolinas-Stinson Beach planning process. However, the group should not be granted formal decision-making or adopting authority, but should report to the Board of Supervisors. It should be broadly constituted, with representation from the local area as well as other parts of the County. However, it should be able to work harmoniously toward common goals. No attempt should be made to reflect all prevailing interests; only the most competent and concerned individuals should be appointed.

#### Regulation

1. Although the reviews required by the County Tidal Waterways, Natural Resources and Bolinas-Stinson Beach overlay ordinances are beneficial, they are not sufficient to forestall damaging impacts while new regulations are being formulated. To avoid the planning complications of changing development conditions, the difficult review of development proposals without suitable criteria, and other harmful impacts, consideration should be given to a more comprehensive interim ordinance in the area included in the Lagoon Plan. Within this area, all development could be prohibited, be subjected to environmental impact review (including environmental quality and ecological evaluations), or conform to an interim slope-density control. Such ordinances could be imposed pending the development of more permanent controls. Alternatively, the County Zoning Ordinance could now be amended to include a new combining zone requiring ecological review in mapped areas, which would include the Lagoon and its environs.

2. Three new forms of regulation should be included in the Zoning Ordinance: 1) a system of sedimentation accounts which would directly regulate that phenomenon and indirectly control those activities which generate sediment. (As soon as the sedimentation quota for a specified period were exceeded, all land changes and urbanization activities would be stopped for the remainder of that period); 2) regulation of the density of cattle within surrounding grazing areas, with more limited cattle densities imposed on lands nearer the Lagoon; and 3) mapping of the zones of seismic risk, with special restrictions superceding other forms of zoning controls.



3. Because of its clearly defined geography and the unusually detailed compilations of information available on the Lagoon and its watershed, the County should consider two innovative approaches for implementing conservation and open space policy. The first is compensable zoning, whereby the County would compensate owners for reductions in values of property caused by conservation regulations. Appraisals would be made of present values; whenever an owner sold his land at a lower price the difference would be the amount paid. The sales price would then become the new guaranteed value. Since some of the major owners are residents in, and have a commitment to, the Lagoon area, the possibility of early, mass sales resulting in what would constitute a major fee acquisition program is diminished.

The other program to be considered for use is the obverse of compensation: development charges. Available data can quantify detrimental impacts on the Lagoon in terms of needed remedial actions. Development "charges" in this amount would be assessed when development permission was granted. Development actions for which there are no remedies should, of course, not be allowed.

#### Land Acquisition and Management

1. The County should impose special area designations by use of an "official map" technique indicating the extent of anticipated future acquisition (just as the State Division of Highways does). Within this area, a requirement would be imposed requiring the seller to notify the County of an intention to sell his lands. This would provide the County with the opportunity to acquire the lands, thereby avoiding pressures from new owners with limited knowledge of applicable policy and inflated development expectations.

2. The County should impose a new requirement for an "Owner Environmental Management Program," applicable to all owners of lands over 40 acres in specified areas. This would guard against unplanned land divisions and transfers which handicap conservation efforts, since each new owner of increasingly smaller parcels demands some economic use of his parcel. Owners would be required to prepare a program to be approved by the County prior to sale or new use of the land, which would include: 1) areas designated for land division and sale, and the sequence in which sales are planned to be made; 2) the general sequence of anticipated development; 3) proposed uses; 4) major circulation features; 5) proposed watershed protection and flood control measures; 6) lands



to be dedicated for public use; and 7) anticipated sedimentation and pollution loads from development. If natural sub-planning areas are designated in the County Programs, and owners can join together, the OEMP should correspond to such expanded areas. Prospective purchasers could share in the costs of devising such a program. This private planning effort could proceed concurrently with current public planning efforts and desirably should be based on them. Alternatively, the County Subdivision Ordinance could be amended to require that environmental management and restorative actions be included in tentative plan submittals.

3. The County should seek to have the Lagoon designated an "ecological reserve" under State law. Although the effects of this are now minimal, future legislative changes relating to such reserves could be significant. Moreover, the psychological impact of the designation would be useful.

#### Finance

1. Although many of the financial burdens of recreational use of the Lagoon environs will be borne increasingly by the County, the local areas near Bolinas and Stinson Beach still bear an inordinate financial burden. The administrative complications arising from a County-wide coastline recreation district should be weighed against its potential for relieving a part of this burden. Such a district could undertake responsibilities relating to recreational impacts such as added roadways and parking, police protection, garbage, lighting, environmental management, etc. It also could administer appropriate user charges to reduce the impact on County property tax rates. It is doubtful that existing district legislation could be used in creating such a specialized district; new legislation likely would be required.

2. The County should launch a program to interest State and Federal agencies to make a model program of the Lagoon. The Department of the Interior and the Corps of Engineers should be solicited to pursue a demonstration study of alternative methods for implementing environmental management objectives, in conjunction with other forms of development, such as harbors of refuge, beach erosion control, recreation, etc., for which they have responsibility. (The Corps is presently undertaking such a demonstration study for the flood control project on Corte Madera Creek in Mill Valley.)



3. Continuous and early liaison should be maintained with the Regional Water Quality Control Board to ensure that the area shares in the proceeds of the proposed \$250 million in bonds to help plan, develop and construct sewage disposal works.



December 13, 1970

Mr. David W. Walker  
The Conservation Foundation  
1717 Massachusetts Ave. NW  
Washington, D.C.

Dear David:

Thanks for your letter of November 9th, inviting me to comment on the penultimate version of the "report". I've never been known for reticence when it comes to offering comment, critical or otherwise. My comments should be taken from the perspective that I find the report is really quite good. You and the Foundation can and should be proud of it.

The difficulties which I have stem from Paul Sedway's implementation study.

Implicit in his comments on governmental organization is the future incorporation, or annexation to another city, of the Bolinas-Stinson Beach area. While no one disputes the general desirability of centralized responsibility for governmental functions, as compared to a multiplicity of special districts plus a rather remote county government, it is common knowledge that "home rule" in the form of small municipalities is a disaster in terms of planning and zoning, unwilling to face social and housing problems, and without adequate resources absent industry to keep the streets in repair much less finance anything on the scale of the proposed Lagoon management program. Annexation is equally untenable as nearby cities are both too small and too far removed. County government at least does not suffer from the disability of small size and has some advantage in its relative remoteness from local pressures, permitting it to keep some perspective. Probably, what is needed is a City and County of Marin form of government to properly avoid the peculiarity of California law which inhibits general fund expenditures by counties for local improvements.

Sedway urged merger of the two special districts which are undertaking to build a sewage treatment plant, not appreciating that the reason he assigned - a gap between the districts - was not a problem. Sedway's gap is mainly part of the county's Lagoon perimeter park, not susceptible to regulation or taxation by the districts.

The proposal to form a "coastal recreation district", aside from the lack of a state enabling act, suffers from major defects. First, the possibility of significant revenue accruals from user charges for use of recreational facilities is absurd,



unless we go back to Gilroy's 1400-boat harbor complete with motels, restaurants, etc. Nor is it realistically possible to make a toll road out of the highway bordering the Lagoon. Thus, the proposal will not accomplish its stated purpose of providing property tax relief for local residents. Indeed, some of the urban services that he proposes should be handled by such a district are now done by the county at probably less than cost to local residents.

Second, it is nowhere made clear what magnitude of costs are involved in the management program. Current county policy is for the cost of purely local facilities, such as the small harbor at Bolinas, to be borne locally. Implicit in this policy is the assumption that the cost of protecting values of regional, state or national significance should be borne at those levels. Until cost estimates evolve, not much more can be said.

Finally, the management program will necessarily rely heavily on the use of the police power in the form of land use controls. Politically, in California, it wholly unrealistic to seriously suggest that such power will pass from the cities and counties to anything smaller than a truly regional agency, and then only after a herculean struggle. The 1970 Legislature killed all four coastal protection bills (as well as all of the open space bills) which had been introduced, and we anticipate a rather big fight over coastal protection in the 1971 Legislature.

In a different area, it seems to me that Sedway's suggestion for "compensable" zoning ought not to have been made without some indication of the magnitude of the fiscal impact upon the county. The problems here are three-fold; how much money would be required, whether so much of the development rights would be taken as to bring the procedure within the ambit of court decisions holding that the government entity must take the whole fee, and whether a precedent would be set requiring similar treatment for all of the county. Without at least a cursory examination of these problems, the suggestion borders on the irresponsible.

Not covered in the report are the possibilities of land use control by means of the combination of tax relief and enforceable restrictions on the use of land by means of contract, easement or deed restrictions, particularly in the light of 1969 and 1970 amendments to the state's Land Conservation Act and to the law governing assessment practices in the Revenue and Taxation Code. This omission is quite serious, in that the county is now considering a wholesale revision in its approach to this subject.

There is a time when one should stop...

Regards,

Hugh Dougherty





# THE CONSERVATION FOUNDATION

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November 9th, 1970.

Mr. Hugh Dougherty,  
Stinson Beach,  
California, 94970.

Dear Hugh:

I am preparing the final report on Bolinas Lagoon which we expect to publish late in the year. I have several ideas for strengthening the discussion draft which I brought out in October and we will make some other changes for potential national distribution.

If you have any comments or suggestions for the final version I would appreciate hearing from you, if possible, by the end of November.

Sincerely,

David W. Walker,  
Senior Associate.

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Encl.



December 9, 1970

Hon. Joseph G. Wilson, Presiding Judge  
Superior Court  
Hall of Justice  
San Rafael, California

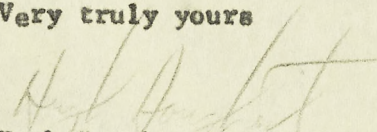
re: Grand Jury Nominees

Dear Judge Wilson:

In response to your letter of November 13th, I am pleased to submit the names of Helen E. Walsh and George P. Leonard, both of Stinson Beach. Both are respected members of the community, are active in local affairs and familiar with county government, and hold or have held positions of significant importance. Mr. Leonard is retired and Miss Walsh will retire on March 2, 1971, which should assure their availability. Both are willing to serve.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit nominations for the next Grand Jury.

Very truly yours

  
Hugh Dougherty, President



QUESTIONNAIRE FOR GRAND JURY NOMINEES

Name HELEN E. WALSH Birthdate February 3, 1906  
Address 298 Seadrift Rd. (P.O. Box 296)  
Stinson Beach, Calif. 94970 Sex Female  
Telephone No. 868 - 1409 Marital Status Single  
Spouse's name and  
Occupation \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation: (Present or Former) see below

Length of Residency in Marin County 7 yrs

Sponsoring organization: Stinson Beach Progressive Club

List of activities in the community and offices held, if any:

Occupation: Chief of Bureau of Nutrition, State Dept of Public Health, Berkeley \*  
Lecturer, School of Public Health, University of California, Berkeley

Education: BS, Iowa State U. at Ames

MS, Columbia

Misc.: Director, Food Nutrition Board, Nat'l Research Council, Nat'l  
Academy of Sciences

Past President, American Dietetic Assn.

Vice Chairman, White House Conference on Food & Health, 1969

Director, Stinson Beach Progressive Club, 1968-9 & 1970

\* Will retire March 2, 1971



QUESTIONNAIRE FOR GRAND JURY NOMINEES

Name GEORGE P. LEONARD Birthdate December 19, 1903  
Address 32 Avenida Las Baulinas Sex Male  
Stinson Beach, Calif. 94970  
Telephone No. 868 - 0888 Marital Status Married  
(P.O. Box 576 - Stinson Beach)

Spouse's name and  
Occupation Wilma Fox Leonard

Housewife

Occupation: (Present ~~xxxxxxxx~~) Investor and  
Owner, Stinson Beach Water Co.

Length of Residency in Marin County 2 yrs, full-time, 8 yrs parttime

Sponsoring organization: Stinson Beach Progressive Club

List of activities in the community and offices held, if any:

Education: BA (Geology) Macalester College, St Paul, Minn.

Prior to retirement: Exec. VP, Wunderlich Contracting Co. (heavy construction)

Pres., Bakers Beach Apartments

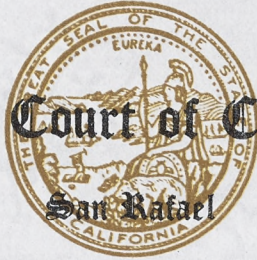
Misc.: Trustee, Macalester College, St Paul, Minn.

Fellow, American Society of Civil Engineers

Member, Marin Conservation League and Sierra Club



# Superior Court of California



JOSEPH G. WILSON  
JUDGE  
DEPARTMENT NO. 2

MARIN COUNTY HALL OF JUSTICE  
SAN RAFAEL, CALIFORNIA 94903  
TELEPHONE 479-1100

November 13, 1970

STINSON BEACH PROGRESSIVE CLUB  
Mr. Hugh Dougherty, President  
Stinson Beach, Ca 94970

Dear Mr. Dougherty:

Last year the Marin Council for Civic Affairs made certain proposals to the Judges of the Superior Court relative to the selection of the Grand Jury with a view to obtaining a broader cross-section of the community. A specific proposal, which the judges feel has particular merit, was that civic organizations throughout the county be asked to submit the names of persons who might serve on the Grand Jury. Such a list would then be used by the judges to aid them in making the final selection of the jury panel.

It may help you to understand exactly what is being asked if I set forth a brief outline of how the Grand Jury is, in fact, selected under the law. The law requires that the Superior Court prepare a list of potential Grand Jurors, which list is to contain not less than twenty-five nor more than thirty names. The persons named on this list are actually summoned to appear in court at a time designated in the summons and are expected to appear at that time unless previously excused by the Court. The names of the persons who actually appear in response to the summons are placed in the jury box and nineteen names are drawn from this box, which nineteen names constitute the Grand Jury for the ensuing year. If, during the year, a vacancy occurs among the nineteen so selected, then a selection to fill this vacancy is made from the remaining names on the panel.

We are asking for proposed nominees for the Grand Jury from as many civic organizations as possible, and if the response to our request is favorable it may well be that we will receive a hundred or more names. Obviously, under these circumstances a person whose name was submitted would have less than one chance in five of actually ending up on the Grand Jury. For this reason, we hope that any organization proposing the name of any person will have



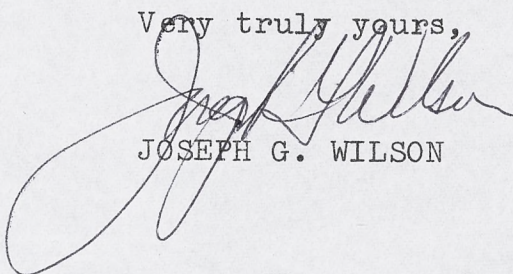
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discussed with the person selected his or her willingness to serve on the Grand Jury, and will also have made it clear to each such person how the Grand Jury is finally selected and what the chances are of becoming a member, so as to eliminate any possible disappointment. The task of taking the original list, which will be prepared from the names of persons submitted by civic organizations and from other sources, and reducing it to the maximum of thirty required by law will necessarily fall upon the judges themselves, who, in carrying out this task, will endeavor to give consideration to geographical, social, sex, economic, age, and race distribution of the county so that the jury as finally selected will be as nearly representative of the community as possible.

Since we hope for a fairly wide response to this request we are asking that the organizations to which this letter is being sent submit the names of not more than two persons as potential members of the Grand Jury. While we do not desire to set any rigid standards by which the organizations' nominees should be selected, we would suggest that any person proposed for Grand Jury service be a resident of the county for at least two years and have some background and interest in the affairs of county government. We would also ask that a questionnaire on one of the forms enclosed herewith be submitted with respect to each person proposed.

We would very much appreciate the cooperation of your organization in this effort to obtain a broader based Grand Jury. Since we hope to complete the process of selecting the 1971 Grand Jury before the beginning of the year, we would like to have the names of the persons which your organization wishes to propose forwarded to the County Clerk, Hall of Justice, San Rafael, California 94903, by not later than Friday, December 11, 1970.

Very truly yours,

  
JOSEPH G. WILSON

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QUESTIONNAIRE FOR GRAND JURY NOMINEES

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Address \_\_\_\_\_ Sex \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone No. \_\_\_\_\_ Marital Status \_\_\_\_\_

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December 13, 1970

Mr. Werner von Gundell, Director  
Marin County Planning Department  
Civic Center  
San Rafael, California

re: Pacific Telephone & Telegraph Co. - Item No. 981  
Zoning Adm. Hearing - Dec. 14, 1970

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A few years later, a second trailer was installed on the site, and you are now considering a use permit for a third trailer.

On behalf of the planning and zoning committee of our organization, I ask you to include in your deliberations the following questions, and such answers as you may find:

1. How many trailers can be accommodated, and for how long, without degrading the orderly growth and appearance of the community?
2. How much overhead cable construction can be justified on the basis that the location of the exchange is "temporary"? (The overhead cables at the corner of Hwy 1 and Calle Del Mar are one of the worst eyesores in the county.)
3. How can continued use of trailers by Pacific Telephone with county permission be considered other than discriminatory, where other land owners are routinely denied permission to use trailers or mobile homes?

We submit that the passage of time and change of circumstances (virtual abandonment of the freeway plan) require an end to the use of "temporary" trailers, and certainly the use ought not be enlarged.

Very truly yours

Aleta Brownlee  
Secretary





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## Public Utilities Commission

STATE OF CALIFORNIA

FILE NO. S-1834

December 19, 1966

Mr. Hugh Dougherty, President  
Progressive Club of Stinson Beach  
P. O. Box 6  
Stinson Beach, California 94970

Dear Mr. Dougherty:

This is in reply to your letter regarding telephone service being provided by the Pacific Company in Stinson Beach.

The company instituted optional residence metropolitan service for a one-year trial period on November 15, 1966, for residence subscribers in only some parts of the San Francisco Bay and Los Angeles metropolitan areas. The plans now being tested were formulated on the basis of survey results. These optional service plans are not available to business subscribers.

In the San Francisco Bay metropolitan area, optional service plans offered by the Pacific Company at this time are only available to residence subscribers in the Mountain View, Los Altos, and Dumbarton exchanges. From a study made by the Pacific Company, it appears there is a potential market for many residence customers in the San Francisco metropolitan area. The trials have been established to determine customers' needs. The inclusion of other customers in the plans will depend on the success of the trials and the approval of this Commission. It may be possible to offer varied service plans to residence customers in additional communities as soon as they have been proven successful.

We appreciate receiving your suggestion and the opportunity afforded us to review this matter in your behalf.

Very truly yours,

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

By *William W. Dunlop*

WILLIAM W. DUNLOP, Secretary



Stinson Beach  
Calif. Dec. 1971.

The family of Clarence  
Johnson thanks the  
Progressive Club of  
Stinson Beach for the  
thoughtful gift in his  
memory.

Annabel Johnson,  
Sarah Channell.



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